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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL LETTER ON BEHALF OF DOMINGO LAINO.

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND WHATEVER ASSISTANCE IT MAY
OFFER IN THE LAINO CASE, ARA RECEIVED ON JULY 10 AN INFO
COPY OF A CONGRESSIONAL LETTER TO STROESSNER.

THE LETTER, THE TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS, CLOSES WITH
THE TYPED NAMES OF SIX MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. THE LETTER
MAY ALREADY HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE GOP.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: AS YOU KNOW, DR.
DOMINGO LAINO OF THE OPPOSITION PARTY, PARTIDO LIBERAL
RADICAL AUTENTICO (PLRA) IS CURRENTLY ON A VISIT TO THE
UNITED STATES. DR. LAINO HAS BEEN SEVERELY CRITICIZED
BY PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FOR HIS OUTSPOKEN
OPPOSITION TO THE POLICIES OF YOUR GOVERNMENT DURING HIS
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VISIT TO THIS COUNTRY. STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS IN PARAGUAY
HAVE APPARENTLY DEMANDED HIS "INDICTMENT AS A TRAITOR".
THE PARAGUAYAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WHICH WOULD STRIP
THE CITIZENSHIP OF THOSE PARAGUAYANS WHO, WHILE VISIT-
ING ABROAD, EXPOSE THEIR COUNTRY TO PUBLIC CONTEMPT.

AS A CITIZEN OF YOUR COUNTRY, DR. LAINO WAS EXERCISING HIS

RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH AND HIS RIGHTS TO OPENLY EXPRESS HIS
VIEWS -- RIGHTS THAT ARE GUARANTEED IN SUCH INTERNATIONAL-
LY RECOGNIZED DOCUMENTS AS THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

IT IS OUR SINCERE HOPE THAT DR. LAINO, UPON HIS RETURN
TO HIS COUNTRY, WILL NOT BE PERSECUTED FOR EXERCISING
THESE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS. IT IS ALSO OUR HOPE THAT BOTH
OUR GOVERNMENTS WILL IN THE NEAR FUTURE RATIFY THE
IMPORTANT AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND WORK
WITH THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

YOUR ATTENTION TO THESE MATTERS IS MOST APPRECIATED.
SINCERELY, ROBERT F. DRINAN, M.C. - DONALD M. FRASER, M.C.
DANTE B. FASCELL, M.C. - PATRICIA SCHROEDER, M.C.
WALTER E. FAUNTROY, M.C. - JOHN F. SEIBERLING, M.C.
END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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